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Application No. 10/826,039 Response to Office Action

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Applicant(s): Hiroyasu JOBETTO et al

Serial No. 10/826,039 :

Filed April 16, 2004 :

For SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

THE SAME

Art Unit 2814 :

Examiner : Nathan W. Ha

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2005, the term for response to which expires on March 6, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 3-5, 11-13, 15-20, 22 and 23 are amended; claims 2, 6, 7 and 21 are canceled; claims 8-10 and 14 are maintained; claims 24-38 are canceled; and claims 39 and 40 are added.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Amendment (21)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below.

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Dated: March 6, 2006

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